Paluki Langi

Terrific Tonga

Introduction

Tonga is a wonderful place filled with people, food, pride, love and hope. Tonga likes to share their island with different people.

Religion

Tongan people are religious. They became religious when Western trader and missionaries came in the nineteenth century and taught them Christianity. Did you know that Tongan people are so religious that all shops are closed on Sundays and if you go out on a Sunday and the police catch you, you will have to pay a fine? Also, did you know that there are different types of religions for example Catholic, Methodist, Christian and so on?

Festivals

Tonga is an island with many festivals. All Tongan people that live in Tonga must celebrate King’s birthday with the Heilala festival which is one week long. There is more than one festival in Tonga. ASB polyfest in New Zealand is the biggest gathering of Polynesians in the world.

Traditions

The Tongan people have many traditions. Some Tongans perform a traditional dance called the Kailao Dance. Tongan women make mats in Tonga called tapa or ngato. Tongan women give them away as gifts or even wear them to special occasions such as funerals, birthdays or keep them as decorations. Did you know that the 21st birthday is the most important birthday for girls but not boys. They will be presented with a key that means they are a women and can leave their home to begin a family of their own, but you don’t have to.

Conclusion

Tongans are religious and have festivals and strong traditions. Tonga is an interesting and fun culture so come on down and see our beautiful island.